

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY EVENING - APRIL 13, 2011

PRESENT: Marshall, Barboza, Teixeira, Herreshoff, and
Parella (arrived at 7:11 o'clock PM)

ALSO PRESENT: Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator (arrived
at 7:12 o'clock PM)

Andrew M. Teitz, Esq., Asst. Town Solicitor
Marshall J. Netto, Town Sergeant

The Council met in regular session on Wednesday evening,
April 13, 2011, in the Town Hall, Council Chambers,
beginning at 7:10 o'clock PM, Council Chairman Marshall
presiding:

Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda,
Council Chairman Marshall introduced several "special
recognitions" as follows:

Special Recognition

Mt. Hope High School Freshman Football

*Prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda,
Council Chairman Marshall read the following into the
record:*

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol
Commendation
awarded to*

Mt. Hope High School Freshman Football

*in recognition of their achievement in winning the
2010 Division II East & State Championship.*

*As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of
the Town of Bristol we hereby commend these
participants of the Mt. Hope High School Freshman
Football program upon their most admirable success:*

Team Members: *Nicholas Anania, Patrick Asciola, Melanie
Barbary, Kollen Barcelos, Ryan Bartell, Vaughn Byrd,
Shemseddine Chabane, Devin Ellinwood, Jason Ferro,
William J. Francis, III, Nick Freeman, Conor McCormack,
Andrew Medeiros, Matthew T. Mendonca, Brent Millard,
Nicholas Murgo, John Nitto, Michael Pavao, Jon Perroni,
Jesse Raiola, David J. Ramos, Jared Ramos, Merrill
Sampson, Zachery K. Schiedler, John Scholz, Dylan
Simas, Jared Sousa, Jose Tavares, Jared Tweedy,
Kyle J. Valenzuela, and Ian Whitaker.*

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Head Coach: Bryan Travers
Coach: Nicholas Travers

In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands and affixed the Seal of the Town of Bristol on adoption this Thirteenth day of April, A. D. Two-thousand Eleven.

*/s/ Diane C. Mederos, Town Administrator
/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Chairman
/s/ David E. Barboza, Vice-chairman
/s/ Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman
/s/ Halsey C. Herreshoff, Councilman
/s/ Mary A. Parella, Councilwoman
Attest: /s/ Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk*

It is hereby noted for the record that Town Administrator Mederos and Councilwoman Parella arrived at this point in the agenda.

Special Recognition

Mt. Hope High School Girls "JV" Soccer

Also prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, Council Chairman Marshall read the following commendation into the record:

*State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
Town of Bristol
Commendation*

awarded to

Mt. Hope High School JV Girls Soccer Team

*in recognition of their achievement in winning the
2010 1st Place Division II JV Championship.*

*As the duly elected representatives of the citizens of
the Town of Bristol we hereby commend these
participants of the Mt. Hope High School JV Girls
Soccer program upon their most admirable success.
In granting this commendation we further recognize the
Team's history-making season, allowing only two
opposing goals scored and a final undefeated record of
14-0-2 and its distinction as the first JV Girls Soccer
Team to win the Division II championship.*

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Team Members: Olivia Almeida, Zoe Almeida, Hayley Cambrola, Destinee DeSousa, Hailie Dion, Brittany Gamon, Alexandra Hill, Catherine Lopes, Kristina Lynch, Kylie McPherson, Kaitlin Ouellette, Dyshell Palmer, Emma Pattie, Mary Powers, Nicole Rusin, Brittni Skipper, Taylor Sousa, Alexandra Threadgill and Alexandra Wetherald.

Coaches: Roy Borges, Gina Calenda, and Kerri Ferreira

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/s/ Kenneth A. Marshall, Chairman

/s/ David E. Barboza, Vice-chairman

/s/ Antonio A. Teixeira, Councilman

/s/ Halsey C. Herreshoff, Councilman

/s/ Mary A. Parella, Councilwoman

Attest: /s/ Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk

Special Recognition

Kickemuit Middle School Girls Soccer

Council Chairman Marshall announced that the KMS Girls Soccer Team will be recognized at the meeting to be held on May 4, 2011.

Special Recognition

Roger Williams University donation to
Bristol Volunteer Fire and Rescue Building Fund

Also prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, Council Chairman Marshall recognized the presence of Roger Williams University President Ronald O. Champagne.

President Champagne presented the Town with a check for \$10,000 in support of the Fire Headquarters building project and in honor of the students from Roger Williams University who participate in the emergency services volunteer program.

President Champagne noted that the University has a requirement that its students participate in community service and also that students contributed many hours of service including the thirty (30) students who actively participate in emergency services. He added that the

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headquarters building contains a plaque honoring student contributions.

In presenting the check, President Champagne indicated that the University plans to contribute an additional amount of \$5,000 next year for the same purpose.

President Champagne informed the Council that he will leave his post in mid-May when the new President assumes office and that he found Bristol to be most-welcoming and also a "wonderful Town."

Town Administrator Mederos stated that she was pleased to have the University as a "partner" in the Town.

Council members and Town Administrator Mederos extended their thanks and best wishes to President Champagne.

Also prior to the commencement of this evening's regular agenda, the Clerk informed the Council of a request for continuance from the Zoning Officer concerning the application of Midland Farms found in subsection "G" below.

Action regarding this continuance is reflected in the listing for agenda items G3 and G4 following.

MOTION RE: CONSENT AGENDA - TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to approve the consent
agenda, withholding agenda item
AA10 for further consideration.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff requested that agenda item AA10 might be withheld for further discussion.

A. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

(CA) AA. SUBMISSION OF MINUTES-Boards and Commissions

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Board of Fire Engineers - April 4, 2011
2. Fourth of July Committee - August 4, 2010
3. Fourth of July Committee - September 9, 2010

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4. Fourth of July Committee - October 13, 2010
5. Fourth of July Committee - Special Meeting, November 10, 2010
6. Fourth of July Committee - November 18, 2010
7. Fourth of July Committee - January 11, 2011
8. Fourth of July Committee - February 9, 2011
9. Redevelopment Agency - December 9, 2010
10. Animal Shelter Capital Project Committee - February 17, 2011

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted that the bond issue for \$2 million was authorized in 2008 and that the Capital Project Committee under the "capable direction" of Chairman Police Chief Canario, has worked hard and also has faced some challenges. He noted that the Town's contribution to the project should be considered as \$2 million for the entire project this including the building and a "suitable site."

Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that the choice for the site may be "a factor in the success" of the building. He added that there appears to be "a large contract pending" with the architect and that the Committee must be certain that the "sequence is right" and recommended that the Committee should have a full-concept, a site, and also a cost estimate prior to proceeding to authorize a "full detailed design."

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Committee's minutes indicated that the plan is to expend \$1.5 million on the building and \$.5 on the site. Councilman Herreshoff agreed that the minutes specify these facts.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she, as a member of the Capital Project Committee, is in agreement that the Committee plans to spend \$1.5 million on the building. She added that the "Friends" group has been encouraged to fund-raise for the needed road construction. She also added that the Friends recognize the need for a suitable road.

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Councilwoman Parella noted that the Friends are planning a fundraising event for April 19, 2011.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that the Friends appear to be accepting of this responsibility.

Director of Community Development Williamson noted that landscaping will be an important factor also.

Councilman Herreshoff explained that the new animal shelter in Providence cost \$1.4 million and that their citizens group raised approximately \$200,000 for the "outfitting" of the building with cages, etc.

Councilman Herreshoff added that fundraising was a key element in the Rogers Free Library project and also that it is very difficult to fundraise for something already built.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that volunteers might be engaged to work on the landscaping.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed that fundraising was important and also that neighborhoods participated in fundraising for the library. She noted that the Committee is identifying certain "naming opportunities" in the animal shelter.

Council Chairman Marshall observed that the playgrounds at Guiteras, Rockwell, and Colt-Andrews Schools were the result of citizen fundraising efforts.

Police Chief Canario reported that the Committee is in agreement not to expend more than the \$2 million allocated.

Council Chairman Marshall asked if the planned road might be somehow integrated into a plan to access the property owned by St. Gobain with Director of Community Development Williamson responding that this land is wetlands. She added that the Town was working toward a "positive result."

Councilman Teixeira asked to know if the cost of the building as proposed will include furnishings with Director of Community Development Williamson reporting that the Committee is attempting to "squeeze" the furnishings into the \$1.5 million budget.

11. North and East Burial Grounds Commission -
October 25, 2010

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12. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - November 22, 2010
13. North and East Burial Grounds Commission - January 31, 2011
14. Harbor Commission - April 4, 2011

B. OLD BUSINESS

1. J. Alan Crisman, Executive Director, Center for Economic Development re report on potential closing of the Bristol Public Access T.V. Studio

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to correspond with Mr. Piccerelli indicating the Council's objection to the closure of the public access studio in Bristol and also to request that the studio should remain open and available for the benefit of the citizens of Bristol County.

Prior to the vote taken, Mr. Crisman informed the Council that he investigated the matter with "a complete lack of bias" and visited the subject studio with Mike Davis and spent two (2) hours at the studio and later with the director of operations, Elizabeth Esposito, for one hour. Mr. Crisman reported that the issue was not "cut and dried" and also that the controlling agency wishes to close the studio and move its operations to Portsmouth.

Mr. Crisman reported that there appears to be two or three producers who are currently utilizing the studio for the making of programs. Mr. Crisman added that his report provides a summary of his investigation thus far and asked the Council if it wished to object to the closure.

He added that the studio appears to be "well done" and with "neat" equipment and that studio will provide training for the uses of this equipment to those members of the public who wish to do so. He also explained that the studio has very few customers.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the condition of the Portsmouth studio with Mr. Crisman suggesting that the Council may wish to have a "field trip" to examine both studios.

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Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the Bristol studio might be left open and the Portsmouth studio closed if the Bristol studio is in better condition.

Mr. Crisman reported that the Portsmouth studio appears to be well-utilized.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he would like to see some statistics to support the report re Portsmouth studio use.

Mr. Crisman suggested that the Council may wish to do one of the following:

1. Let studio "go"
2. Hold a public hearing regarding the matter
3. Form a "users group"

Councilman Herreshoff expressed concern that it may be difficult to form a users group if the public is generally unaware of the availability of the studio.

Mr. Crisman reported that there is an additional studio at Full Channel TV in Warren and also that this studio appears to be well-utilized.

Councilman Barboza reminded the Council that \$.48 on every Cox Cable TV bill is allocated toward the support of the Bristol studio. He further stated that the public was likely not aware of the \$.48 matter either.

Mr. Crisman noted that the studio also provides facilities to do a "professional job" of editing of the programs produced. He noted that new technology may make some of these capabilities and the need for this type of studio to be obsolete in the future since many of the same things "may be done on the kitchen table with a laptop."

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that the studio should "reach out" to the High School since most people are unaware of the availability of the equipment to loan. He added that public access is very important and this is the reason why the Council assures that its special meetings are televised. He added that the studio officials should inform the public of their services.

Mr. Crisman suggested that the Council might "determine the needs" if the studio is to remain operational. He also explained that the lease is about to expire.

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Councilman Herreshoff asked when the lease will expire with Mr. Crisman responding that he was not sure when the lease would expire but suggested that he might be instructed to "supervise" the process and speak to the landlord (Raymond DeLeo) in order to secure an extension of the lease. He further stated that he believes that a six (6) month extension would be acceptable to the landlord.

Councilman Barboza noted that the report appears to indicate that the studio was adequately utilized in March 2010 and that the statistics regarding use in March 2011 "are way down."

Mr. Crisman stated that he was unaware if the statistics from the Portsmouth studio were any better.

A discussion ensued regarding the location, lease, etc. of the Portsmouth studio with Councilman Barboza suggesting that Council members may wish to have a "field trip" to see these studios first-hand.

Mr. Crisman suggested that the Council may wish to hold a public workshop concerning the studio and possibly appoint a committee to work on improving its use and availability.

Councilman Barboza suggested that the matter might be continued in order to allow Mr. Crisman time to get the details of the lease and also to arrange for the Council and others to visit the two sites.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know who operates the camera in the studio with Mr. Crisman responding that the studio has three (3) cameras.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that the "field trip" should include both the Bristol and Portsmouth studios.

Mike Davis informed the Council that he has been involved with the television industry for forty (40) years and testified before congress regarding some of these issues. He added that the availability of the subject studio is not a "favor" but rather a requirement of Federal law.

Mr. Davis added that the studios keep and maintain the equipment and are required to inform people that it exists and is available for public utilization. He further explained that the law provides that the studio leaders must actively promote the benefits of the studio. He added that the reports on the public access aspects of the program were

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"glowing" in earlier years and seems to have fallen-off dramatically in the most recent year.

Mr. Davis also reported that the Council required (demanded) the availability of the studio when it agreed to allow Cox Communications to serve customers in Bristol County ten (10) years ago and that this was to "level the playing field" since Full Channel maintained a studio, and also to assure a local public access in the event that Full Channel would cease to operate.

Mr. Davis added that a Rhode Island law "dumped" the responsibility for the public access requirements upon RI PBS and that the same law allows Full Channel to "quit at any time."

Mr. Davis reported that Mr. Piccerelli appeared before the Warren Town Council concerning this matter and indicated that the plan to close the subject studio would be withdrawn if there was an objection from any one of the towns.

Mr. Davis reminded the Council that many public access programs (Concerts on the Common, school sports, school concerts, etc.) currently exist. He added that he agrees that the availability of the studio and its services is relatively unknown to the public and agreed with Mr. Crisman that a plan, including a committee or users group, to improve its use would be helpful.

Mr. Davis recommended that the Council should ask that the "reset button be pressed." He also suggested that the studio would benefit from a more permanent and accessible staff since the studio is often closed and the staff available may not be totally versed in the use and instruction of use of the equipment.

The Council thanked Messrs. Davis and Crisman for their respective reports.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that Mr. Crisman might be asked to work on the details of the lease.

Stephen DeLeo, speaking on behalf of the landlord, informed the Council that extension of the lease posed "no issue from the landlord's perspective."

2. Director of Community Development Williamson re Marine Inland Transport Route project final report

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Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to authorize the Town Administrator to confer with the State Department of Transportation regarding the placement of this project within its ongoing road improvements, to forward a copy of the report to Keith Stokes of the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and also the Environmental Protection Agency concerning hurricane preparedness for possible funding assistance.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the route study was the result of a challenge grant and that the Town partnered with Bristol Marine which provided an in-kind match.

Director of Community Development Williamson also reported that the study considered the hauling of large boats along the typical routes and documented impedimentary issues.

John Shevlin, representing consultant Pare Associates, provided highlights of the report and explained that a display of the various routes would be displayed in Town Hall.

Council Chairman Marshall noted that these identified routes were not only for commercial purposes but also provide access in the event of an emergency.

Police Chief Canario explained that his department was consulted due to the emergency access aspects of the routes.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the Pare report will be installed on the Town's website.

Mr. Shevlin explained that the report identified certain obstacles such as overhead utilities and low clearance areas. He added that the study identified three routes and that he believes there may be grant and state funds available for implementation.

Mr. Shevlin added that there are sign recommendations for the evacuation route aspects of the study and he offered to participate in a future workshop if the Council would choose to have one.

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Council Chairman Marshall stated that he would like to "hit the ground running" with this plan and that the grant appears to be well spent in identifying issues and that the report has "many legs." He added that he believes that the Town should move forward with implementation and also that the Council should consider any related amendments to the Town Code.

Councilman Barboza stated that the public should be informed well in advance of any plan to trim trees.

Councilman Teixeira asked to know the cost of implementation with Mr. Shevlin reporting an estimate of \$1.9 million for the three (3) proposed routes.

Councilman Barboza asked to know if grants were available for the work with Mr. Shevlin responding affirmatively.

Councilwoman Parella agreed with Councilman Barboza regarding the tree issue.

Councilman Herreshoff asked if the plan includes raising or burying the wires with Mr. Shevlin explaining that the plan considers raising the wires and placing additional utility poles. He added that the cost of poles can be the responsibility of the utility carrier.

Councilman Herreshoff asked what the remainder of the cost would encompass with Mr. Shevlin responding that the study recommends some "geometry improvements" at certain intersections. Director of Community Development Williamson added that one area of concern includes the location of center islands.

Council Chairman Marshall stated that the report outlines a "great plan" and that he is concerned regarding the estimated cost. He suggested that the Council should have a workshop to consider the matter fully.

Mr. Shevlin stated that the Town would likely seek an opinion from the State Department of Transportation.

Director of Community Development Williamson suggested that the Town may wish to move forward seeking the opinion and permission of the State.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know when the Town must submit its TIPS application with Town Administrator Mederos reporting that the Town has already applied for 2012 TIPS funding.

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After the vote taken, Councilwoman Parella suggested that were the flagpole at Hope and Thames Street to be relocated that it should remain in the center perhaps on the Town property at the intersection (sidewalk area).

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the plan remains as conceptual and that it will require formalizing by an engineer.

3. Councilman Herreshoff re concerns regarding the Bristol County Water Authority

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to arrange a "preliminary meeting" prior to the tri-Town meeting scheduled for April 26 to include the Council Presidents and Chairman, the Solicitors, Pasquale DeLise, and representatives of B&E Consulting.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff reported that the Councils and public at large is "losing patience" with the process of the pending Water Authority performance "audit" and expressed concern that the study may not be focusing upon "what the Councils want." He added that twenty (20) years ago, the Shad Reservoir backup was viewed as a "strong idea" yet there has been no progress toward this end.

Councilman Herreshoff added that there appears to be a disagreement between Mr. DeLise and the BCWA directors regarding the use of the East Providence line as a backup since Mr. DeLise indicates that this may be done with "no problem" and the directors appear to believe that the use of the line will require a \$3 million expenditure for certain improvements.

Councilman Herreshoff expressed a concern that the cross-bay pipeline will fail and the County will have no back-up supply due to this "terrible lack of progress." He added that the Councils are looking for a detailed study on the BCWA, how it manages itself, if it needs to fix its organization and staffing in order to work effectively and efficiently into the future.

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Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the Council may wish to ask the Clerk to correspond with the audit consultants, Mr. DeLise and Sandra Mack (BCWA Counsel).

The Clerk reminded the Council of the upcoming meeting with the various parties including Mr. DeLise, BCWA staff, the nine (9) director representatives from the three (3) Towns and representatives, if not all, from the three (3) Town Councils. This meeting was arranged for April 26, 2011 by the Clerk at the request of the Solicitor and the Barrington Town Council.

Council Chairman Marshall expressed concern that the group may be too large and suggested that there should be a pre-meeting. He further suggested that the pre-meeting should include the Council Chairman, the Presidents of the Barrington and Warren Town Councils, the two (2) Town Solicitors, representatives from the auditing firm and Mr. DeLise prior to the meeting to be held on April 26, 2011.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if there were any legal impediments to such a meeting with Assistant Solicitor Teitz responding that he did not observe any legal impediments.

Councilman Herreshoff noted that this pre-meeting would be useful in order to develop questions for the later meeting.

ADD ITEM 4. Councilwoman Parella re Garfield Avenue (Mary Gaspar), continued from March 31, 2011

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting scheduled for May
4, 2011.

Prior to the vote taken, Council Chairman Marshall asked Ms. Gaspar if she has "heard from anyone" concerning this issue. He added that he spoke to Senator Whitehouse's office.

Ms. Gaspar noted that she did not hear from anyone except that she was invited by Sen. Whitehouse to participate in a "Town Meeting" on the telephone.

It was noted that this same invitation was sent electronically to everyone in Bristol.

Council Chairman Marshall reported that he spoke with Sen. Whitehouse's Chief of Staff who informed him that he made

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earlier reports to Town Administrator Mederos and Denise Asciola, Town Administrator Mederos' assistant.

Town Administrator Mederos informed the Council that she was promised a report regarding the matter from Sen. Whitehouse.

Ms. Gaspar informed the Council that she was of the opinion that FEMA was "ridiculous."

Ms. Gaspar further informed the Council that she did not intend to ask for a loan but rather expects to be paid directly for the reported damage.

A discussion ensued regarding the upcoming meeting concerning the Town's application for additional storm-related funding with Director of Community Development Williamson explaining that she sent a form to be filed by Ms. Gaspar regarding her situation.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that she was uncertain at this time if the grant would provide direct payments or loan guarantees.

Ms. Gaspar noted that she was asked to take-out flood insurance and that she "no-way" intended to do so. She added that she is of the opinion that the damage was resulting from water coming from the State Street Reservoir and that she was now getting estimates for repair to her cellar windows.

Council Chairman Marshall suggested that Ms. Gaspar should attend the meeting to be held concerning the CDBG application for flood funding.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know the purpose of this meeting with Director of Community Development Williamson reporting that the meeting was to look at several components for relief and mitigation of flood damages. She added that these components would be scored and ranked similarly to any other CDBG application.

Council Chairman Marshall asked to know if these are State funds with Director of Community Development Williamson reporting that this program is similar to the typical CDBG program but is being considered on an "accelerated basis."

Council Chairman Marshall asked Ms. Gaspar if she has yet obtained estimates for her damages with Ms. Gaspar responding that she has not. She added that she must tear up her carpets and refinish the floors beneath them.

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Director of Community Development Williamson explained that any claim must have "third party verification." She further explained that this verification would be found in a bona-fide cost estimate from a qualified contractor.

Ms. Gaspar stated that she has only a few bills thus far.

ADD ITEM 5. Rizwan Ahmed, (d/b/a Hourglass Brasserie,) 382 Thames Street - request permission to have bistro chairs at the service counter, **continued from March 31, 2011**

Parella/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to set a special meeting for the purposes of review of the Council policy regarding restricted alcoholic beverage licenses and also for further consideration of the report as presented by Police Chief Canario.

Prior to the vote taken, Police Chief Canario provided a fourteen (14) page report concerning alcoholic beverage licenses and related issues.

Councilman Barboza suggested that the matter should be continued in order to provide the Council the opportunity to examine this report.

Councilwoman Parella noted that this issue "is not just about this restaurant" but rather considers the overall Town policy concerning restricted alcoholic beverage licenses. She added that this decision will impact many different establishments.

Councilman Barboza explained that the policy was established approximately 6-8 years ago due to the influx of requests for additional liquor licenses. He added that the idea of the restricted license was introduced as a compromise since the police generally recommended against any new license. He added that the Council adopted the policy in order to be "business friendly" and "level the playing field" for all related businesses. Councilman Barboza added that all applicants are made clearly aware of the rules (i.e. service bar only, etc.) before and at the time of the granting of the license.

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Councilwoman Parella agreed with Councilman Barboza and explained that the restricted license policy allowed restaurants to have a license when they would likely have been denied one otherwise. She added that the policy seems to have resulted in "nice restaurants - not hangouts." She added that it would not be advisable to act solely on the request of Mr. Ahmed when many others have agreed to the same restrictions.

Councilman Barboza stated that he would agree to the idea of a workshop rather than the continuance he proposed earlier.

Councilwoman Parella stated that she was inclined to deny the request of Mr. Ahmed and stated that the Council should be clear and consistent with its policy. She added that were the Council to reverse its policy, it may have to refuse any additional license and "listen to the police chief's" recommendation to deny new applicants. She also added that this would then require prospective licensees to wait until a license became available from another establishment.

Councilman Barboza reiterated that the restricted license was established as a "compromise" and that some wish to "change the rules in the middle of the game."

After the vote taken, Councilman Barboza stated that he agreed to the special meeting but remains concerned that any action to rescind the policy would be a "slippery slope."

Councilman Herreshoff agreed and stated that the Council should attempt to determine if there is a better way to control the activity within the establishments.

Councilwoman Parella stated that the solicitors must look at what will hold up in court especially in consideration of the courts' general view of liquor licenses as "property rights." She added that the earlier stated idea concerning a "reversion clause" may not be practicable.

Councilman Herreshoff asked Police Chief Canario if he would have a problem with a policy change with Police Chief Canario responding that he is willing to listen. He added that the restriction did seem to mitigate some of the alcohol related problems.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if Bristol has "a lot of liquor (licenses)" with Police Chief Canario responding affirmatively.

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Councilman Teixeira asked to know if reports of incidents were available over the past two years with Police Chief Canario responding that the reports may be inconclusive since many times those who may become intoxicated in one place may leave and get into trouble at home or elsewhere.

Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Chief may wish to prepare some type of graphs illustrating "restaurant vs. bar" and "no problems or no problems because..."

BB. SPECIAL /STATUS REPORTS

C. PUBLIC HEARINGS

D. ORDINANCES

1. Ordinance No. 2011-05, CHAPTER 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-146, Parking time limited in designated places, (remove one hour parking - Franklin and High Streets, adjacent to "Rescue Station"; repeals Ordinance 2010-19), **1st reading**

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to consider this action
to constitute the first reading of
Ordinance #2011-05. Advertise in
local newspaper.

2. Ordinance No. 2011-06, CHAPTER 16, Motor Vehicles and Traffic, Article V, Stopping, Standing and Parking, Section 16-143, Parking prohibited at all times and Section 16-146, Parking time limited in designated places, (allow 10 minute parking - OLMC School and remove no parking restriction - Walley School), **1st reading**

- a. Rev. Henry P. Zinno, Jr. - petition
requesting ordinance amendment

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to consider this action
to constitute the first reading of
Ordinance #2011-06. Advertise in
local newspaper, and instruct the
Clerk to recommend a non-
substantive amendment to the
ordinance proposal in order to

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further accommodate the request of the petitioner.

Prior to the vote taken, Al Vedro, representing the petitioner suggested certain changes to the ordinance proposal. The Clerk reminded Mr. Vedro that the current status is parking prohibited and that this amendment would allow for drop-off and pick-up of students on school days and would also allow for residential parking rules otherwise.

The Clerk also noted for the record that he provided the proposed language in order to expedite the matter prior to the end of the school year and that any substantial amendments could cause a further delay in adoption. He also suggested that the ordinance represented "half a loaf" and that it could be amended further, to accommodate Mr. Vedro's concerns at a later date.

The Council agreed that the Clerk should investigate the ordinance language and recommend any further amendments so long as these are non-substantive.

(CA) E. BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these adjustments."

(CA) F. APPOINTMENTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve advertising these Appointments."

1. Public Service Appointments
 - a. Planning Board (2) (terms to expire in April 2014)
 1. Jerome A. Squatrito, 52 Fales Road - interest/reappointment
 2. Charles Millard, 620 Hope Street - interest/reappointment
 3. George Burman, 66 Highland Road - interest/appointment

Councilman Barboza nominated Messrs. Squatrito and Millard for reappointment.

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Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to close nominations and to instruct the Clerk to cast one ballot each in favor of Messrs. Squatrito and Millard with terms to expire in April 2014.

Prior to the vote taken, Stephen DeLeo, noted that there was a letter provided by his father, Raymond DeLeo, objecting to the candidacy of Mr. Millard. He added that the letter was provided late this afternoon. The Clerk reported that this letter was not received in time for this evening's meeting.

Mr. DeLeo added that the letter concerns the applicant's "civility" with Council Chairman Marshall responding that the Council periodically reminds its board and commission members of their responsibility to be "civil" while executing the business of the Town.

Councilwoman Parella noted that she was unaware of any "civility" problems with Mr. Millard but was concerned regarding the "civility" of members of other boards in the past.

The Council, by consensus, agreed that the Clerk should provide a memorandum to all Council-appointed board and commission members reminding same of their responsibility to remain "civil" while conducting business on behalf of the Town.

b. Police Pension Fund - Board of Trustees
(term to expire in April 2014)

1. Denise Asciola, 50 Brooks Farm Drive - not seeking reappointment

Teixeira/Barboza - Voted unanimously to instruct the Clerk to provide a letter of thanks for service to Ms. Asciola and also to advertise for the vacancy.

c. Bristol County Water Authority (term to expire in February 2014), **continued from February 16, 2011**

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until May 4, 2011.

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G. LICENSING BOARD - NEW PETITIONS

1. Barbara Lindsey, d/b/a Rob-Lin Jewelry, 227 Thames Street - request for a Holiday Sales License

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendation received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

2. Kevin J. Costa, 8 Curtis Road - request for a Private Investigator's License

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to grant this license per the recommendation received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

3. Uzma Baig and Zaheer Abbas, d/b/a Midland Farms, Inc. 2, 573 Hope Street - request for a Victualling License

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

LATE ITEM

- b. Zoning Officer Tanner - request for a continuance

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to continue this matter until the meeting of May 4, 2011.

It is hereby noted for the record that discussion and action on this agenda item took place at the commencement of this evening's regular agenda.

Prior to the vote taken, Council members expressed concern that the petitioner appears to be "moving in" to the

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building despite the fact that no license has been issued and zoning questions remain unresolved.

4. Uzma Baig and Zaheer Abbas, d/b/a Midland Farms, Inc. 2, 573 Hope Street - request for a Holiday Sales License

LATE ITEM a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

LATE ITEM b. Zoning Officer Tanner - request for a continuance

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to continue this matter
until the meeting of May 4, 2011.

It is hereby noted for the record that action on this agenda item took place concurrently with agenda item G3.

H. LICENSING BOARD - RENEWALS

1. Dog Kennel License renewals for 2011-2012
(renewal petitions attached)

LATE ITEM a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to grant renewal of
these licenses per the
recommendation received and subject
to conformance to all laws and
ordinances and payment of all fees,
taxes, and levies.

2. Byron Ryner, d/b/a All Island Landscape, 2829 East Main Road, Portsmouth - six (6) month review of Drainlayer's License

a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to approve this license
for a full term per the
recommendation received and subject
to conformance to all laws and
ordinances and payment of all fees,
taxes, and levies.

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3. Chris Fonseca, d/b/a Chris Fonseca Construction Corporation, P.O. Box 1261 - six (6) month review of Drainlayer's License

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Barboza/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this license for a full term per the recommendation received and subject to conformance to all laws and ordinances and payment of all fees, taxes, and levies.

(CA) I. UTILITY PETITIONS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to approve these petitions."

(CA)

1. (Public Works Director Serbst) re Road Cut Permits
2. National Grid - petition for proposed new pole location on Annawamscutt Drive

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to grant approval of this request per the recommendation received.

J. PETITIONS - OTHER

1. Carol Blais, 129 Bradford Street - request for a handicap parking space in front of residence, **1st reading**

LATE ITEM

- a. Recommendation - Town Administrator and Chief of Police

LATE ITEM

- b. Recommendation - Director of Public Works

Teixeira/Parella - Voted unanimously to consider this action

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to be the first reading of the request for a handicap parking space per the recommendations received and to also continue this matter for second reading on May 4, 2011.

2. Mary Ann Allen, Procession Facilitator for St. Mary's Church, 330 Wood Street - request re closing of streets around the Town Common (as noted on attached petition) to hold a procession, May 15, 2011 from 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to grant this request per the recommendation of the Chief of Police.

Prior to the vote taken, Police Chief Canario provided a verbal recommendation that this petition might be approved per past practice.

K. OTHER NEW BUSINESS REQUIRING TOWN COUNCIL ACTION

1. Coastal Resources Management Council re request of Sandra Vanderbroek to construct and maintain a boat lift for property located at 182 Poppasquash Road

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to receive and place this matter on file.

2. Paula McFarland, Executive Director, Rhode Island Community Action re proposed funding reduction to the Community Services Block Grant program

Parella/Barboza - Voted to instruct the Clerk to correspond with the local congressional delegation indicating that the Council is not in support of the budget cuts as outlined in the letter of Ms. McFarland. Voting in favor of this motion were Council members Marshall, Barboza, Teixeira and Parella. Councilman Herreshoff abstained from the vote.

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Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff noted the receipt of a letter from Congressman Cicilline regarding his objection to budget cuts and found it to be "over the top." Councilman Herreshoff observed that the Federal government needs to cut \$ 1 trillion and that the Congressman's "rhetoric is not helpful." He suggested that the Congressman should "roll up his sleeves" and find the necessary cuts. Council Chairman Marshall agreed with Councilman Herreshoff.

3. Patrick I. A. Marass, Project Scientist, FB Environmental Associates, Inc. re Plans for Barrington-Palmer-Warren River and Kickemuit River Watersheds, meetings to be held on April 19 and 27, 2011

Herreshoff/Parella - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

4. Councilman Herreshoff re Board of Tax Assessment Review process

Herreshoff/Parella - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff reviewed the tax appeal process. He suggested that the soon-to-be appointed Board of Tax Assessment Review alternate members should be "part of the process" and receive an "orientation" training.

Councilman Barboza informed the Council that taxpayers may appeal their revaluation property values with the revaluation company prior to April 22, 2011 and afterwards to the Board of Tax Assessment Review.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz added that the initial appeal is with the Tax Assessor for "obvious errors" and later to the Board. He added that taxpayers may make a further appeal to Superior Court should they find this to be necessary.

5. Town Treasurer Goucher re resolution for Fire Engine Lease
 - a. (draft) Resolution for Lease-Purchase Agreement re Fire Engine

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Barboza/Herreshoff - Voted unanimously to adopt this resolution as prepared and presented.

Prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the interest rate on the lease purchase with Town Treasurer Goucher responding that the rate was four percent (4%).

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know if this rate was satisfactory and the payment terms with the Treasurer responding that the rate was satisfactory and that the Town will pay \$55,000 per year with a \$1 buyout at the end of the lease. Councilman Herreshoff stated that he found the arrangement to be acceptable.

Councilman Herreshoff asked to know the source of the \$250,000 applied to the purchase of the vehicle with Town Treasurer Goucher responding that these funds were derived from past years' capital budgets.

A discussion ensued regarding the need to allocate and reserve capital over several years in order to accommodate a long term capital plan for significant purchases such as fire engines.

Council Chairman Marshall noted for the record that Councilman Barboza was responsible for the Department of Environmental Management grant that became available for a portion of the overall purchase price.

Councilman Barboza stated that obtaining this grant was a collaborative effort between the Town Administrator and Director of Community Development and that his contribution was in identifying the source.

6. Town Treasurer Goucher re designation of funds for Sewer Capital Improvement Program

Parella/Barboza - Voted unanimously to approve the Sewer Capital Improvement Program as recommended by the Treasurer.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Treasurer Goucher explained that it is the recommendation that thirty percent (30%) of any operating surplus, as determined by the annual audit, would be placed in a capital improvement fund for the future. She added that this practice will not "harm" the

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budget and should provide for some of the department's future capital needs.

A discussion ensued regarding the relative cost of capital equipment with Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso reporting that the Town has typically funded ongoing water pollution control capital projects through the State Revolving Fund (SRF). He added that the establishment of this new capital fund will provide a "good buffer" for emergencies, etc.

Councilman Teixeira stated that he approved of the establishment of this new program and also that he visited the Water Pollution Control plant and found it to be "quite a project."

7. Director of Community Development Williamson re Solar Lease proposal for installation of solar panels on Town buildings/properties

Barboza/Parella - Voted unanimously to approve the Solar Lease proposal per the recommendation received.

Prior to the vote taken, Director of Community Development Williamson noted this was a "unique opportunity" to take advantage of a Federal program and attended a workshop last month with Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso and Police Chief Canario. She added that the program allows non-profit organizations to have solar panels installed on their properties at no cost in order to provide renewable energy tax-credit to third-party investors.

Director of Community Development Williamson further explained that this program was implemented in Connecticut and Massachusetts and was now available in Rhode Island. She added that should the Council approve the lease in concept; the company managing the program will conduct a "more in-depth study."

Councilman Herreshoff suggested that the Town should approve the concept in order to "beat-out" the rest of Rhode Island in its application. He added that the compost building may be best suited for an installation.

Director of Community Development Williamson agreed that the compost building was suitable for solar panels but observed that the project may be too large for the program and that the plan is to consider an installation at the Water Pollution Control plant.

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Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso agreed stating that the Town plans a different approach for the compost building and that a grant is available for this.

Councilwoman Parella asked to know the potential savings with Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso responding that the least amount of savings is estimated at \$80 per month.

Director of Community Development Williamson reported that the same program is also being considered at the Bristol Industrial Park and Mount Hope Farm.

A discussion ensued regarding the acceptability of solar panels in historic districts with Assistant Solicitor Teitz reporting that there appear to be no standards. He added that since this is a Federal program, approvals would rest outside of the jurisdiction of the local Historic District Commission but would rather be approved by the State authorities.

8. Director of Community Development Williamson
re Downtown Public Building Committee

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to receive a full list
of appointees from the Town
Administrator in order to ratify
same on May 4, 2011.

Prior to the vote taken, Town Administrator Mederos reported that this Committee has become "dormant" and that she would like to expand same to include Recreation Director Burke. She added that it would be also useful to have someone with technical expertise on the surplus school buildings to participate and suggested that George Simmons would be an excellent candidate for the Committee.

Councilman Teixeira suggested that the Committee might include a real estate person with Town Administrator Mederos responding that she would take this suggestion under consideration.

9. Regional School District Joint Finance
Committee Chairman Barboza re Joint Finance
Committee Authorization Resolution FY 2011-
2012 (ratify)

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Teixeira/Parella - Voted
unanimously to ratify the action of
the Joint Finance Committee as per
the Authorization Resolution as
prepared and presented.

L. BILLS & EXPENDITURES

1. Bid #730 - Construction and Installation of a
Transient Dock (West End of Rockwell Dock)

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to refer this matter to
the Town Administrator and Director
of Community Development to act in
the best interest of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following base-
bids as received:

Narragansett Dock Works	Narragansett, RI	\$48,900
Tidal Enterprises	Bristol, RI	45,620
Eastern Piping & Eng.	Fall River, MA	70,723
Reagan Construction Co.	Middletown, RI	47,160

Also prior to the vote taken, Councilman Herreshoff asked to
know the funding arrangement with Director of Community
Development Williamson reporting that the project will be
paid for through a U.S. Fish and Wildlife grant (75%)
matched through an existing Community Development Department
capital account (25%).

2. Bid #731 - Replacement of Light Fixtures
(Wastewater Treatment Plant and Compost
Facility)

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted
unanimously to refer this matter to
the Town Administrator, Director of
Community Development and
Superintendent of Water Pollution
Control to act in the best interest
of the Town.

Prior to the vote taken, the Clerk read the following bids
as received:

RISE Engineering	Cranston, RI	\$18,130
F & S Electric	Bristol, RI	14,880
Fall River Electric	Fall River, MA	28,700

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Also prior to the vote taken, Water Pollution Control Superintendent Calderiso reported that the project will be funded through an energy grant and National Grid and that the project will be completed at no direct cost to the Town.

(CA) M. ROUTINE REPORTS

(CA) N. FINANCIAL REPORTS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place this item on file."

1. (Town Treasurer Goucher) re Revenue and Expenditure Statement, April 7, 2011

P. PROCLAMATIONS & CITATIONS

1. Commendation - Michael Siino, recognition of admirable and unselfish action

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this commendation as prepared and presented.

2. Proclamation - Bristol Sports Club, Bristol Sports Club Day (April 2, 2011), 50th Anniversary

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this proclamation as prepared and presented.

3. Commendation - Diana Rose Camara, Girl Scout Gold Award

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this commendation as prepared and presented.

4. Proclamation - Ann Morrill, recognition of involvement on the Kickemuit River Council

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this proclamation as prepared and presented.

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5. Commendation - Tyler Dubuc, Eagle Scout Court of Honor

Herreshoff/Teixeira - Voted unanimously to approve this commendation as prepared and presented.

(CA) Q. CITY & TOWN RESOLUTIONS NOT PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Jamestown Resolution re request for support of proposed amendments to RIGL §16-7-44, allowing interest payments to be included in school housing project costs for communities with strong financial standing

(CA) R. DISTRIBUTIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Barry L. Sharaf, M.D., Division of Cardiology, Rhode Island Hospital to Fire Chief Martin re pre-hospital care provided by EMS team, Rescue #2
2. Resolution to sell surplus real property; former "Rescue Station," 349 High Street, Plat 13, Lot 1
3. Middletown Resolution re support of House Bill 5088 to amend RIGL §17-18-11, changing the statewide poll closing time to 8:00 PM
4. Exeter West Greenwich School Committee resolution re opposition to mandatory binding arbitration for teachers
5. Jamestown Resolution re opposition to House Bill 5961, providing mandatory binding arbitration for teachers
6. Jamestown Resolution re support to amend RIGL §17-11-1, removing the limit of 1900 voters per polling place

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7. Smithfield School Committee Resolution re opposition to mandatory binding arbitration for teachers

(CA) RR. DISTRIBUTIONS/NOTICE OF MEETINGS
(office copy only)

Approval of consent agenda="Motion to receive and place these items on file."

1. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - BWEA Contract Negotiation Subcommittee, March 31, 2011
2. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - BWEA Contract Negotiation Subcommittee, April 2 & 28, 2011
3. Harbor Commission - April 4, 2011
4. Bristol Warren Regional School District - schedule of meetings, week of April 4, 2011
5. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee - Policy/Community Affairs Subcommittee, April 4, 2011
6. Coastal Resources Management Council - April 2011 Calendar
7. Bristol County Water Authority - Public Relations/Personnel Committee, April 6, 2011
8. Bristol County Water Authority - Engineering Committee, April 6, 2011
9. Bristol County Water Authority - Audit Finance Committee, April 6, 2011
10. Bristol County Water Authority - Board of Directors, April 13, 2011
11. Economic Development Commission - April 7, 2011
12. Recreation Board - April 12, 2011
13. Bristol Warren Regional School District - schedule of meetings, week of April 11, 2011

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14. Bristol Warren Regional School Committee -
workshop, April 11, 2011

S. TOWN SOLICITOR

1. Assistant Town Solicitor Teitz re update
concerning Clipper Way right-of-way
litigation

Herreshoff/Barboza - Voted
unanimously to receive and place
this matter on file.

Prior to the vote taken, Assistant Solicitor Teitz reported that this constitutes an update of an ongoing litigation concerning the Clipper Way right-of-way. He further reported that the matter has been under consideration for approximately two years and that a hearing will be held in Superior Court to consider a motion for summary judgment on April 19, 2011.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz explained that the right-of-way was created in 1952 as part of a subdivision and that this particular road was dedicated running all the way to the water and also that the part of the road nearest to the water was never paved.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz further explained that the Coastal Resources Management Council (CRMC) held a public hearing in 1994 and that the CRMC designated the right-of-way officially and the Town subsequently installed its granite marker. He added that the abutters challenged the status of the right-of-way when the Town began to make certain improvements to the area. He explained that the now-challengers were present at the time of the CRMC public hearing and never appealed the decision to recognize the right-of-way.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that the area is now "a mess" and also that neighbors have contacted him about a needed cleaning and repair to the area.

Assistant Solicitor Teitz explained that the Solicitor's office was instructed to represent the Town's interest and win the lawsuit and that he was uncertain if the summary judgment would finalize the matter. He agreed to provide updates in the future.

Z. INDIVIDUAL COUNCIL MEMBERS AGENDA ITEMS

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1. MARSHALL

a. Thank You Mike Davis - Council Chairman
Marshall thanked Mr. Davis for his taping of this evening's meeting and also noted that Mr. Davis was "multi-talented."

b. Town Administrator Appointed - Council
Chairman Marshall noted that Town Administrator Mederos was appointed by Governor Chafee to serve on the State's "economic steering committee" as part of her duties as president of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns.

c. Council Collegiality - Council Chairman
Marshall noted that although Council members do not always share identical opinions, they have acted with civility and cooperation to work toward a similar goal. He added that the Town is well-structured and well-guided due to this basic course of action.

Councilman Herreshoff stated that he agreed with the Chairman and Councilwoman Parella added that most votes have been unanimous in the past. Council Chairman Marshall added that the relationship between the Council members in their official duties is "a two-way street."

d. Masonic Temple - Council Chairman Marshall noted his attendance at the rededication of the Masonic Temple (St. Alban's Lodge) on Sunday, April 10, 2011 and noted similarities between the Masonic rites and the installation of an Eagle Scout later the same day.

2. BARBOZA

a. Mike Davis - Councilman Barboza recognized and thanked Mr. Davis also.

b. Franca Drive Conflagration - Councilman
Barboza recognized the Fire Department for its expert handling of a recent fire on Franca Drive.

c. Walter Burke - Councilman Barboza recognized Recreation Director Burke and noted that Mr. Burke "embraces whatever."

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d. Easter/Passover - Councilman Barboza noted the approaching Easter and Passover holy days.

e. United Brothers Synagogue - Councilman Barboza noted that the Bristol United Brothers Synagogue was the second oldest in the State and was celebrating its 110th anniversary.

3. TEIXEIRA

a. Mount Hope Farm Day - Councilman Teixeira reported that Mount Hope Farm will sponsor a "Mount Hope Farm Day" on May 14 and asked Recreation Director Burke to provide additional information regarding this day.

Recreation Director Burke explained that the Day will be sponsored by Pepsi-Cola which will provide fifty (50) volunteers for certain work projects and also that additional volunteers are welcome to participate. He added that for each additional volunteer, Pepsi will provide a case of Gatorade for overseas troops.

Recreation Director Burke added that he is organizing another Mount Hope Farm project with Roger Williams University biology students who will be mitigating a proliferation of invasive bittersweet plants.

Councilman Teixeira added that it would be important for those wishing to volunteer at Mount Hope Farm to register for the day since the Farm must plan the work projects for the number of participants.

4. HERRESHOFF

a. Mike Davis - Councilman Herreshoff thanked Mr. Davis also.

5. PARELLA

a. Emergency Services - Councilwoman Parella read the following letter into the record (agenda item R1) and extended the congratulations of the Council to all involved:

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*Bristol Fire Department
P. O. Box 775
Bristol, RI 02809
Attn: Chief Robert J. Martin*

Dear Chief Martin:

We wanted to update you on a 52 year old male patient transported to Rhode Island Hospital on February 25, 2011 with suspected ST Segment Elevation MI (STEMI).

The pre-hospital EKG performed/transmitted by your EMS team allowed for early activation of the Cardiac Cath. Lab team. Early activation of the team resulted in their ability to meet the National Quality Improvement Goal of 90 minutes door to balloon. The door to balloon time for this case was 13 minutes. More importantly, your contribution allowed for earlier treatment and an improved outcome for the patient.

We would appreciate it if you could forward this letter, with our thanks to the EMS team, Bristol Rescue #2, directly involved in the care of this patient.

Sincerely,

*Barry L. Sharaf, M.D.
Interventional Cardiologist
Division of Cardiology
Rhode Island Hospital*

b. Street Sweeping - Councilwoman Parella suggested that the Town should place proper signage to indicate the sweeping of streets. She added that the signage will encourage the removal of vehicles thus making the street sweeping more effective and efficient.

c. Easter and Passover - Councilwoman Parella extended holiday greetings on behalf of the Council.

ZZ. TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AGENDA ITEM(S)

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a. United Brothers Synagogue - Town
Administrator Mederos reported her attendance at
the 110th anniversary celebration of the United
Brothers Synagogue.

CITIZENS PUBLIC FORUM

There being no further business, upon a motion by Councilman
Barboza seconded by Councilman Herreshoff and voted
unanimously, the Chairman declared this meeting to be
adjourned at 11:06 o'clock PM.

Louis P. Cirillo, CMC, Council Clerk